The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member says, he 'hears'. But let me learn from him what those two or three communities that he refers to are. Then I will make proper enquiries and give accurate answers."

Health centres in Palghat taluk.

* 438 Q.—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of health centres in Palghat taluk;

(b) whether the buildings are provided by the public or on rent;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to close down the health centres, and if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(d) the amount spent on staff and medicines in each centre separately?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) There are six primary health centres in Palghat taluk.

" (b) The buildings are provided by the public.

" (c) The answer is in the negative.

" (d) The total expenditure incurred on staff and medicines in respect of each centre is furnished below :—

			RS.
1	Primary Centre,	Kodavayur	9,145
2	Do.	Kohalamannam ...	9,250
3	Do.	Vadakancherry	9,578
4	Do.	Vadavanur	8,140
5	Do.	Kongad	9,149
6	Do.	Elapalli	9,670 "

Pay of teachers in elementary and secondary schools.

* 439 Q.—Sri S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) what is the difference of scales of pay (1) of teachers working in high schools (Government) and high schools (aided private), (2) elementary schools (Government) and elementary schools (private aided); and

(b) the number of women clerks in the department?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) A statement [a] showing the scales of pay of teachers in elementary and secondary schools under different managements is laid on the table of the House.

" (b) 129."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is there any proposal to raise the salary of these teachers, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There were proposals under consideration, but in view of the extreme financial stringency, revision was not possible."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" నూతన విద్యావిధానంవల్ల ఉపాధ్యాయులకు పనిగంటలు ఎక్కువయినవని ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలుసుననుకుంటాను. ఐతే ప్రభుత్వం వారి జీతాలు పెంచుటకుకూడా ఆలోచిస్తుందా ? " 11-50 a.m.

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" ఆ విషయం ఆలోచింపబడుతుంది."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" When do the Government expect their financial position to improve to enable them to increase the salaries of teachers? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not an exactly predictable affair."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" With the advent of the new educational scheme, the elementary school teacher is made to work six hours a day instead of five hours he was doing in the past. Will the Government, therefore, consider the question of increasing the emoluments of the elementary school teachers in consideration of the increased number of hours they are required to work? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have stated on many occasions that the question of increasing the emoluments of elementary school teachers is under continuous and anxious consideration but that only financial stringency stands in the way. In view of the changes now being made, the matter will receive particular attention."

Representations from the people of Coondapoor and Puthur taluks of South Kanara.

* 440 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the people of Coondapoor and Puthur taluks of South Kanara district have represented to him during his tour in February 1953 (i) to permit the kumri cultivation in the forest lands, (ii) to permit the use of footpaths and cart-tracks free of charge, and (iii) to permit to take water through the existing water channels in reserve forests for cultivation purpose, free of charge, and if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. N. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" May I know when the Government will come to a decision in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There are certain fundamental principles involved in the matter. But the question will be decided as soon as possible."